

# A BRIEFE METHOD OF CATECHIZING.

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four points:

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The same points are also contracted, and a forme of examining Communicants added; with Graces before and after meat.

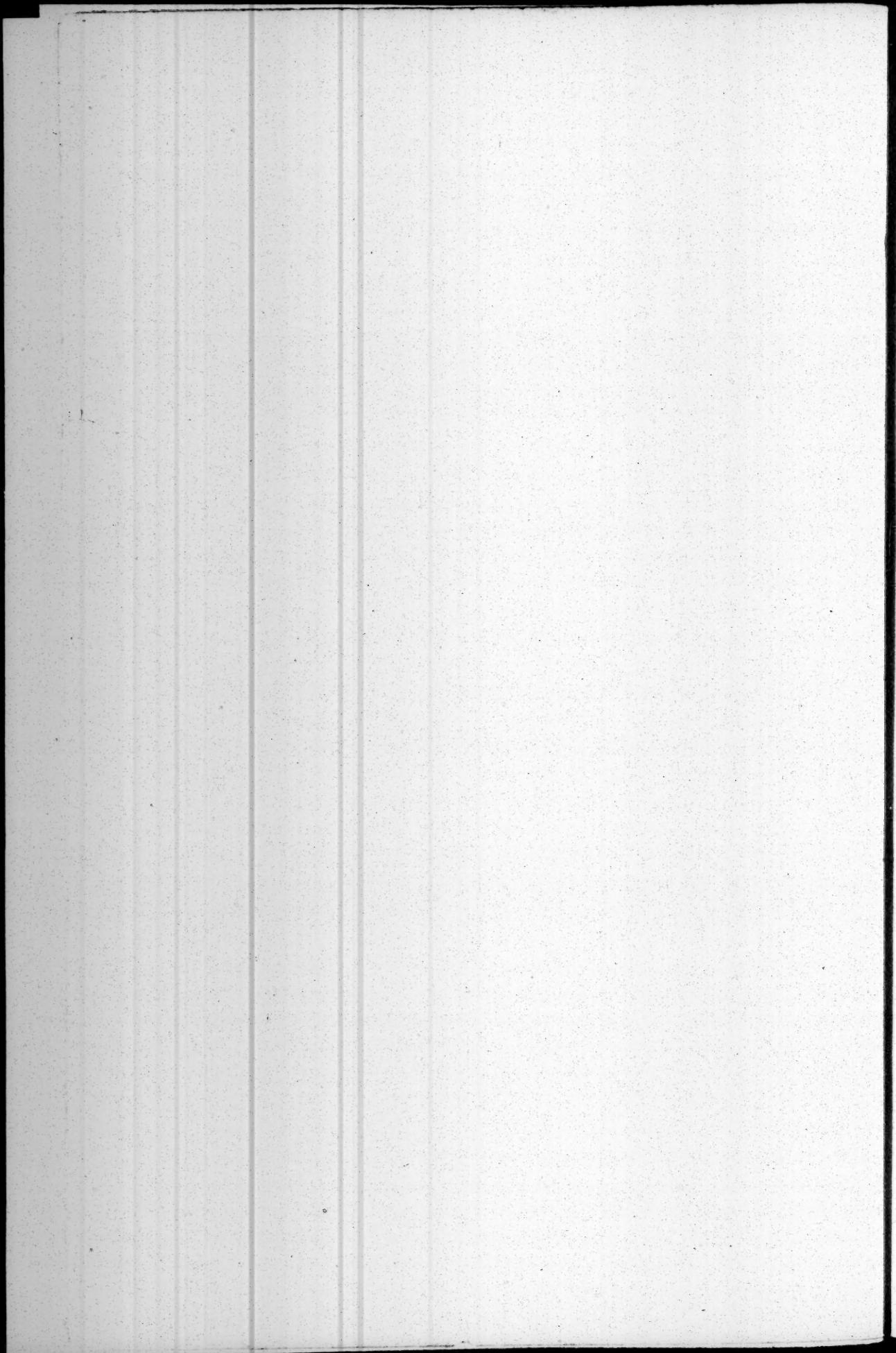
1 Pet. 3.15.16.

Beready alwayes to give an answer to every man  
that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you,  
with meekenesse and feare.

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# TO THE CHRISTIAN R E A D E R.



Seruing by the often  
and many impressions  
of this little Cate-  
chisme, the generall  
passage and good ac-  
ceptance it hath had  
with many people, I was moued once  
more to peruse and amend it, especi-  
ally in regard of the quotations: being  
much grieved that I did not take this  
taske in hand during the life of that  
blessed seruant of God, and faithfull  
Minister of the Gospel of Iesus Christ,  
from whom I had the first project  
thereof, and by whom I was drawne  
to put it to the Presse; by whose death  
the Church wherein hee liued lost a  
most vigilant Pastor, and I a most true  
and ancient friend, faithful and louing  
as *Jonathan* to *David*: by meanes of  
which losse I did vnwillingly under-  
take this small labour ; yet something  
I thought good to doe herein.

The additions, detractions, and al-  
terations which I haue made, are very

*To the Christian Reader.*

few and small, and such as (I hope) neither the iudicious will dislike, nor the vnlearned stumble at. The chief thing I desired and endeououred, was, that the quotations might be more fit & plentifull : which thing if I haue (as my hope is) in some measure attained unto, then let mee require thee to keepe in remembrance, and put in practise my former admonition ; which was, that the Scriptures quoted in the margin might be diligently searched, and compared with the answer which they are brought to proue. For by this meanes though thou proceed more slowly, yet thou shalt walke more surely, and profit more soundly by this Christian & necessary exercise of Catechizing, when by this meanes thy faith and conscience shall be grounded, not vpon the weake and vnperfect speeches of sinfull men, but vpon the pure and sure words of the Spirit of God. To whose most blessed and holy direction and blessing, I commend and commit thee now and euer.

*Thine in the Lord, ST. EGERTON.*



# PLACES OF Scripture, shewing the necessitie and antiquitie of Ca- techizing, as well priuately as publiquely.

## TESTIMONIES.



These words which I com- Deut.6.6.  
mand thee this day, shall bee 7.8.  
in thy heart, and thou shalt  
rehearse them continually  
(setting an edge upon them)  
unto thy children: and thou shalt talke of  
them when thou tarriest in thy house, &c.

For precept must be upon precept, pre- Isa.28.10.  
cept upon precept, line unto line, line unto  
line, here a little, and there a little.

Therefore leaving the doctrine of the Heb.6.1.2.  
beginning of Christ, let vs be led forward  
to perfection, not laying againe the foun-  
dation of repentance from dead workes,  
and offaith to God, &c.

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And

## Examples.

Abraham. And the Lord said, Shall I hide from  
Gen. 18.17 Abraham that thing which I doe ? for I  
know him, that he will command his sonnes  
and his houesold after him, &c.

David. And thou Salomon my sonne, know  
2 Chron. 28 thou the God of thy father, and serue him  
9.10. with a perfect heart, and with a willing  
minde, &c.

Christ. He said unto them, But whom say yee  
Mat. 16.15. that I am ? Then Simon Peter answered  
16.17. and said, Thou art Christ, the Sonne of  
the living God. And Jesus answered and  
said unto him, Blessed art thou Simon  
the sonne of Ionas, &c.

Philip. And Philip ranne thither, and heard  
Acts 8. 30. him reade the Prophet Esaias, and said,  
31.35. 36. But understandest thou what thou rea-  
37. dest ? And he said, How can I, except I  
had a guide ?

Bathsheba. The words of King Lemuel : A collec-  
Pro. 31.1.2 etion of the precepts which his mother  
&c. taught him, What my sonne, &c.



## A PRAYER BEFORE the Exercise.



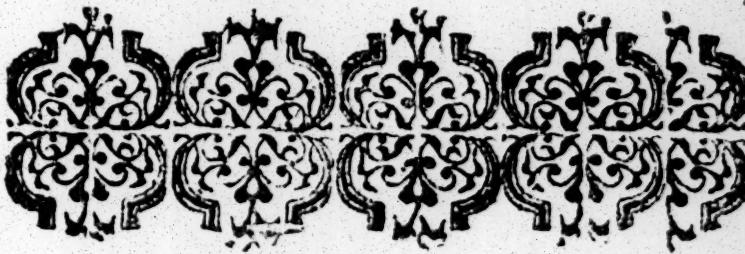
Oft blessed Lord,  
and heauenly Fa-  
ther, wee acknow-  
ledge and confesse  
before thy Maiestie,  
that wee are dull to  
conceiue, weake to remember, hard  
to beleue, and slow to practise ths  
wholesome instructions, fearefull  
threatnings, and gracious promises  
of thy heauenly word. Wherefore  
we humbly beseech thee to be present  
with vs at this time, to teach vs and  
blesse vs, and to make this exercise of  
thy holy word, powerfull and profi-  
table vnto vs. O Lord enlighten our  
mindes, that we may understand,  
open our harts, that we may beleue,  
and so strengthen our memorie, that  
we may hide & lay vp thy promises,  
precepts and threatnings, in our  
hearts,

## A Prayer.

hearts, to keepe vs from sinning agaist thee. And though by the corruption of our nature, wee thinke every good thing tedious and vnpleasant, yet wee pray thee to sanctifie and sweeten the same vnto vs by thy holy Spirit, that we may finde more comfort therein, then in any worldly or bedily exercise whatsoeuer. And grant, O Lord our God, that this true ioy and sound delight may make vs watchfull to redeme the time, and constant in performing this holy dutie, to the daily increase of faith and a god conscience, to thy glory and our owne saluation, through our Lord and Sauour Jesus Christ : to whom with thee and the holy Ghost, be giuen all honour and glory for euer.

Amen.

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Certaine generall questions.

Q. Of what religion are you ? Religion.

A. Of the Christian Religion. Act. II. 24.

Q. What religion is that ?

A. That which teacheth men to looke for truz and eternall happinesse by Christ alone.

Q. Where is this religion taught ?

A. In the holy Scriptures of the old and new Testament , which are giuen vs of God to testifie of Christ, to be a perfect rule of sound doctrine and good life.

Q. What

**Q.** What learne you generally out of the Scripture?

**A.** Two things: The knowledge Ioh. 17. 3. of God, and of our selues, wherein Rom. 7. 9. standeth our true happinesse.

**Q.** What is God?

**A.** God is a spirituall Essence, God. Ioh. 4. 24. that hath his being of himselfe.

& 8. §8. **Q.** What be the properties of God? Exo. 3. 14. **A.** They be of two sorts: some are Act. 17. 28. incomunicable with the creatures, Esa. 42. 8. and some are communicable.

**Q.** What be his incomunicable properties?

Ioh. 1. 5. **A.** Simplicenes without mixture, Reu. 1. 8. Eternity without beginning or end, I Kin. 8. 27 and infiniteness or Incomprehensiblenesse.

**Q.** What bee his communicable properties?

**A.** They are chiefly five: Holines, Ies 24. 19. Wisedome, Power, Justice, & Goodnes; all which are eternall, infinite & Reu. 1. 8. unchangeable like himselfe.

Gen 18. 25 **Q.** Is there any more but one only Mat. 19. 17 true God?

Jam. 1. 17. **A.** No: but this one God hath made Mat. 12. 29 himselfe knowone to vs in thē sev-  
erall Ioh. 5. 7.

rall persons, the Father, the Sonne,  
and the holy Ghost.

Q. What are the workes of God?

A. They are generally three, *Deere.*  
whereof the first is the decreeing and *Act. 15.18.*  
fore-appointing of all things before *& 2.23.*  
all times to his owne glory. *Pro. 16.4.*

Q. What speciall things hath God  
foreseen and appointed?

A. He hath appointed some men *Predestina-*  
(called therfore his elect or chosen) to *tion.*  
eternall glory, & others to eternal fire. *Mat. 25.46*  
*Ro. 9.22.23*  
*1 Thes. 5.9.*

Q. What is the second worke? *Creation.*  
A. The making of all things in *Gen. 1.31.*  
the beginning exceeding good, in their *Col. 1.16.*  
seuerall kinds.

Q. What is the third?

A. The ruling and governing of *Gouvernmet.*  
all things most wisely, mightily and *1 Cor. 16.33.*  
righteously. *Mat. 10.29*  
*2 Chron. 11*

Q. How did God make mankind?

A. He made the man of the dust of *Gen. 2.7.*  
the earth, and woman out of man, & *2.21.*  
both of them as wel male as female in *Ex. 1.26.27.*  
his owne image.

Q. Wherein standeth this Image  
of God?

A. Chiefly in those three things: *Col. 3.10.*  
*Knowledge,*

Eph. 4. 24 **K**nowldege, Righteousnes, and true Holinesse.

*The first principall point.*

**Q.** Did man and woman thus made, continue in this holy & blessed estate?

*Mans fall.*

**A.** No : they fell from it, and became most vncleane, cursed, and miserable creatures.

*Gen. 3. 12.  
Eccl. 7. 31.  
2 Cor. 11. 3  
1 Tim. 2. 14*

**Q.** How did they fall ?

**A.** By the inticement of the Diuel and their owne wilfull disobedieince in breaking the commandement of God.

**Q.** What came to vs their posterite thereby ?

*Originall  
guiltinesse  
and corrup-  
tion.*

*Rom. 5. 12.  
Gen. 6. 5  
2 Cor. 2. 4.  
Job. 5. 7.*

*Psal. 51. 4.  
16.*

*Ioh. 3. 4.  
Dan. 6. 8.  
Math. 6. 12.*

**A.** Thre things : Guiltinesse of their sin, corruption of nature, bondage to Satan , and continuall sinning against God, in thought, word, and deed.

**Q.** What is sinne ?

**A.** Sin is an offence against God, or a breach of Gods law.

**Q.** What is guiltinesse ?

**A.** The merit & desert of sin, making the creature sinning subject to wrath and punishment.

**Q.** What

Q. What is the punishment of sin? *Punishmēt.*

A. The losse of Gods fauour and Gen. 3.22.  
former happiness, with the due deser- Deut. 28.61.  
ting of all plagues in this world, Rom. 6.23.  
and hell fire in the world to come. Mat. 9.44.

Q. How came these things to vs  
their posteritie by their fall?

A. Because Adam and Eue were Mal. 1.10.  
the common parents of vs all, and the Heb. 7.9.  
very stocke and roote from whence all 20.  
mankind did spring.

Q. Are all men sinners then?

A. Yea: all haue sinned and failed Rom. 3.10.  
of the glory of God, there is none that 11.12.  
doth good, no not one. 1 Kings 8.

Q. And are all subiect to this pu- 46.  
nishment? 1 Ioh. 1.9.  
7.

A. Yea: all without exception are Rom. 6.23.  
the children of wrath, and bondslaves Ezec. 18.4.  
of Sathan.

Q. How may we be touched with  
the sense and feeling of our sinnes?

A. If we consider the multitude, Deut. 32.6  
and hainousnesse of them, being com- Psal. 40.12  
mitted against the glorious Maiestie 1. Cor. 10.  
of God, and his most pure and vnde- 22.  
filed law. Heb. 10.31  
& 12.29.

Q. How may we be touched with  
feare

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Deut. 29. feare and horror of the punishment?

15. 61. A. If we consider how many and

Marke 9. how grieuous Gods iudgments are

43. 44. in this life, and how intollerable and  
endlesse in the life to come.

Q. What ought this feeling and  
feare to worke in vs?

Leuit. 13. A. An vtter loathing and dislike

45. of our selues , with an earnest desire

Job 42. 6. and carefull labouring after the re-

Mat. 11. 28. medie prescribed in the Gospell.

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*The second principall point.*

Remedie. Q. What remedie is there against  
this miserie?

Acts 4. 12. A. None at all,either in our selues

Rom. 7. 24. or in any creature, but onely in Jesus

25. Christ.

Q. What is Christ?

1Cor 1. 30 A. The eternall Sonne of God

Christ. and second person in Trinitie , both  
God and man.

Q. How came Christ to be man?

Ioh. 1. 14. A. By taking our nature to him-

Luke 1. 35. selfe , being conceiued by the holy  
Ghost, and borne of the virgin Mary.

Q. Why was it needfull he should  
be man?

A. Because

A. Because he could not haue died  
and satisfied for mans sin , except he  
had taken mans nature.

*Christ man.*  
Ioh. 1.14.  
Luk. 1.35.

Q. Why was it needfull hee should  
be God ?

A. Because else he could not haue *Christ God.*  
overcome death, and performed that Heb. 4. 14.  
perfect satisfaction and righteousness & 7. 52.  
which the diuine iustice required.

Q. What hath Christ done for man?

A. He hath fully pacified Gods in *Redemption.*  
finite anger agaist the sins of all the Ioh. 10.11.  
elect, freeing men from sin and death, & 17.9.  
by his death and sufferings, and so is Heb. 5.7.  
made our redemption. Ephes. 5. 2.  
1 Cor. 1.30

Q. What else hath he done ?

A. He hath fulfilled for them that *Righteous-*  
perfect righteousness which the di- *nesse.*  
vine iustice required, and so is made Math. 3.15  
our righteousness. Rom. 10.4.  
1 Cor. 1.30

Q. What blessing and reward doe 2 Cor. 5.21  
men reape by the obedience & righte-  
ousnesse of Christ ?

A. By him they haue adoption, that *Adoption.*  
is, they are made the children of God Ioh. 1.12.  
and heires of eternall glory. Gal. 4.5.  
Ephes. 1.5;

Q. What else hath Christ don for vs?

A. Hee hath sanctified our nature *Sanctifica-*  
*tion.*

Rom. 8. 2. in his owne person, and doth sanctifie  
 1 Cor. 1. 30 vs daily by his Spirit, & so is made  
 Heb. 2. 11. our sanctification.  
 Ioh. 17. 19.

*Sanctifica-  
tion is per-  
fect.*

Joh. 13. 10. number of his children, but not who,  
 Rom. 7. 23. ly freed from sinne, till after death.

24. Q. How then can any thing that pro-  
 1 Ioh. 3. 1. ceedeth from vs be pleasing to God?  
*Intercession.*

Rom. 8. 34. A. Because Christ, sitting at his  
 1 Ioh. 2. 1. right hand, a mediatour, maketh our  
 1 Pet. 2. 5. duties (though weake and imperfect)  
 acceptable to his Father.

Q. Who are partakers of these be-  
 nefits by Christ?

Mat. 11. 28. A. Onely such as come vnto him,  
 Ioh. 6. 35. that is, which beleue in his name.

*Faith.* Q. What is it to beleue in Christ?

Mat. 1. 21. A. To be truely perswaded that he  
 Luk. 2. 11. is a Sauour euuen to vs.

Ioh. 1. 12. Q. What encouragement haue we  
 & 3. 16. to beleue in Christ?

Mat. 5. 36. A. Because we are commanded  
 Ioh. 6. 29. and exhorted so to doe, & for that he is  
 & 3. 16. Act. 16. 30, offered frely vnto vs of God, with  
 31. this only condition, to beleue in him.

Q.

Q. It is for the worthinesse of our faith, that we are saued?

A. No: (for we beleue in part) <sup>Math. 9. 24.</sup>  
but only for the worthinesse of Jesus <sup>1 Cor. 13. 9.</sup>  
Christ, vpon whom faith laieth hold. <sup>Luk. 17. 5.</sup> <sup>Heb. 10. 15.</sup>

Q. Is it in our power to beleue? <sup>10.</sup>

A. No: it is the gift of God to his children, <sup>Eph. 2. 8.</sup>  
wrought in their hearts by <sup>Act. 13. 48.</sup>  
the holy Ghost, through the preaching <sup>Rom. 10. 17.</sup>  
of the world. <sup>Gal. 5. 22.</sup>

*The third principall point.*

Q. Seeing we are saued onely by Christ through faith, may wee now live as we list?

A. No: for the Gospell teacheth Tit. 2. 11.  
vs to deny all vngodlines and worldly lusts: <sup>12. &c.</sup>  
and Christ died to purge vs <sup>2 Tim. 2.</sup>  
to himselfe a peculiar people, zealous <sup>192</sup>  
of good workes.

Q. What works are to be accounted good workes?

A. Such as proced from faith, and be done to the glory of God, & grounded vpon the word of God. <sup>Good works.</sup>  
<sup>Act. 15. 9.</sup> <sup>Heb. 11. 6.</sup> <sup>1 Cor. 10.</sup>

Q. What call you the first and continuall worke of Gods Spirit in the Ro. 14. 13.

B 2                      faith.

faithfull?

*Repentance.*    *A.* Repentance: that is, such a changing and renewing of the heart, as bringeth forth a new life and conuer-  
sation.

*Q.* What be the parts of repentance?

*Reu.22.11.*    *A.* Two: that is, dying to sin, and living to righteousness: or the putting off the old man, & putting on the new.

*Q.* Whence do these two spring?

*Rom.6.3.*    *A.* From the power and vertue of Christ's death and resurrection, into whom we are ingrafted by faith.

*Q.* Wherein doth repentance chiefly appeare?

*Rom.2.23.*    *A.* In the changing of the thoughts, affections, & purposes of our hearts.

*29. & 7.22.*    *Q.* Why should we repent & do good works, seeing we are not saved by them?

*Motives to  
repentance  
and good  
works.*    *A.* Because God requireth them at our hand: and that no unrighteous person shall enter into the Kingdome of God.

*Eph. 2. 10.*    *Q.* Wherefore else?

*1 Cor. 6.9.*    *A.* To gloriifie God our heauenly Father, and to shew our selues thankfull for all his benefits, especially for our redemption by Jesus Christ.

*Q.* Is

Q. Is there any other reason?

A. Yea: for by this meanes we may win others to God, and make sure our owne calling and election to our selves.

Q. How can we haue any assurance of our calling and election by workes?

A. Because they shew whether Gal. 5.6.  
our faith in Christ be true or counter- Jam. 2.14.  
feit, living or dead. 1 Joh. 1.6.7.

Q. What workes doe chiefly shew this?

A. Peace of conscience, uprightnesse of heart, the true feare and loue of God and our bretheren, striving agaist sinne, victory ouer the world, and such like.

Q. What other witnessesse haue the faithfull?

A. They haue the Spirit of God Rom 8.16.  
bearing witness to their spirits, that 1 Joh. 5.6.7  
they be the Children of God.

Q. Do these witnessesse never fail the faithfull?

A. They may bee ouershadowed Luk. 22.31.  
in them by the malice of Satan, and 32.56.57.  
conscience of sinne: but never finally 1 Joh. 5.1.9.  
and wholly taken away. 10.11.

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Q. Why

**Q.** Why so?

Ephes. 1. 4.   **A.** Because they are grounded upon  
Heb. 6. 13. on the everlasting purpose, and faith-  
Ioh. 10. 28. full promise of almighty God.

**Q.** Do our worke, deserve nothing  
at Gods hand?

Phil. 2. 13.   **A.** No: for they are his own works  
Luk. 17. 10 in vs, and a debt most due to him: be-  
Heb. 11. 6 sides, in vs they are spotted and im-  
Esay 64. 6. perfect: and finally, we are freely in-  
Gal. 5. 17. stituted by faith before we do them.

**Q.** These are strong persuasions to  
live godly: but is there no reward for  
good worke?

1 Tim. 4. 8.   **A.** Yes: exceeding great, both in  
Mat. 19. 29. this life, and especially in the life to  
1 Cor. 15. come.

2 Cor. 4. 17   **Q.** Cometh this of the worthinesse  
2 Tim. 4. 8. or merit of our worke?

Rom. 6. 23.   **A.** No: but only of the free favour  
Heb. 6. 10. and faishfull promise of God.

**Q.** What other spurie haue we to  
good worke?

Psal. 116.   **A.** The lively remembrance of  
117. Gods benefits past and present, and  
Heb. 13. 6. his promise of assistance in time of  
Act. 17. 28. neede.

The fourth principall point.

Q. What meanes hath God appoинted to continue and increase his graces in vs?

A. They are generally of two sorts: publicke and priuate. 2 Sam. 6. 13  
14. 20.

Q. What shall wee say of them which want both these?

A. That their estat is very fearefull, and for ought we know, plaine Pro. 29. 18  
damnable.

Q. And what of such as hauing the means, do either refuse or abuse them?

A. That they be farre more inexcusable before the iudgement seate of God. Act. 14. 16  
2 Chion.  
1. 3.

Q. What are the publike meanes?

A. They are foure: prayer, the word preached, sacraments, and discipline.

Q. What is prayer?

A. It is a religious calling vpon God alone, in the name of Christ, crauing the things we want, and giving thanks for those we haue.

Q. When do men pray aright?

A. When they aske things law-

Math. 6. 15  
Psal. 50. 15

Col. 3. 17.

Dan. 9. 5.

&c.

Iam. 4. 3. &  
1. 6.

Luk. 15.17. full to a right end, and come with  
 Gen. 18.27. faith in Christ, feeling of their owne  
 Mat. 11.25. wants, reverence of God, and loue to  
 their brethren.

*Q.* What else is required in praier?

Iam. 5.16. A. It must be fervent and earnest,  
 Luk. 18.1. and also constant and continuall.

2. &c. *Q.* What call you preaching?

1 Thes. 5. *Q.* When the word of God is tru-  
 Preaching. ly expounded and profitably applied,  
 Neh. 8.8 with doctrine, exhortation, rebuke,  
 Luk. 4.11 and comfort.

1 Cor. 14.3 *Q.* How may wee profit by the  
 2 Tim. 2. word preached?

16. A. If, being perswaded, that it is  
 Rom. 1.16. Gods ordinance, we come with  
 Luk. 8.18. prayer, heare with attention and ap-  
 Act. 17.14 plication, and after call to minde  
 Luk. 11.28. what wee have heard to put in prac-  
 tise.

*Q.* What say you of the word read?

Reading. A. It is a part of Gods ordinance,  
 Act. 13.15. yet much more effectuall when it is  
 1 Cor. 14. preached.

24. 25. *Thus much of Prayer, and of the Word.*

Sacrament. *Q.* What is a Sacrament?

Rom. 4.11. A. It is a holy signe and seale ordai-  
 2 Cor. 10. ned of God, to assure vs of his loue to  
 16. vs

us in Christ, and to testifie & confirme our faith and obedience to him, & our loue & fellowship one with another.

Q. How is it a signe, and how is it a seale?

A. It is a signe, because it setteth 1 Cor.10.1 forth Christ and his benefits to the 2.3.4. outward senses of all: and a seale, be- Marke 16. cause it doth effectually applic the 15.16. same to the faithfull receiver. Gal.3.27.

Q. How many Sacraments be there?

A. Two: Baptisme, and the Lords 1 Cor.10. Supper. 2.3.4.

Q. What is Baptisme?

A. The Sacrament of the new and spirituall birth, assuring vs by the due sprinkling of water, þ we are cleansed from our sins by the bloud of Christ, & sanctified by his Sp̄it. Baptisme. Act.22.6. 1 Ioh.1.7. Ioh.3.5. Tit.3.5. 1 Cor 6.11

Q. What else doth it teach and as- Rom.6.3. surev. of? &c.

A. It is also a pledge of the resur- 1 Cor.15. rection of our bodies after death. 29.

Q. Why are wee baptized in the name of the Father, the Sonne, and the holy Gholt? Rom.6.12.

A. To teach and assure vs of our Communion with one God in three persons. 1 Cor.1.13

Q. Why

Mat 28.19

1 Ioh.1.3.

Col.2.6.

1 Cor.1.13

**Q.** Why are infants baptized?

**Gen. 17.7.** A. Because the couenant and pro-  
**& 21.4.** mise of God is made to the faithfull,  
**1 Cor. 7.14** and to their seede.  
**Acts 2.39.**

**Q.** What is the Lords Supper?

**Lords Sup-** A. The Sacrament of our spiritu-  
**per.** all nourishment, assuring vs by bread  
**1 Cor. 10.** and wine, duly giuen and received,  
**16.** that by Christ we shall be nourished  
**John 6.51.** to eternall life.

**Q.** May all that professe Christianitie, be admitted as fit and worthy receiuers?

**1 Cor. 11.** A. No: but only such as can, and  
**28.29.** also doe diligently prove, examine,  
 and trie themselues.

**Q.** Wherein must Christians examine and prove themselues?

**Prou. 19.2.** A. Whether they know the  
**2 Cor. 13.5** grounds of Religion, belieue in  
**Luk. 13.5.** Christ, hate their sinne, and loue  
**Mat. 6.12.** their brethren.  
**& 5.23.**

**Q.** What if men cannot finde those things in themselues?

**1 Cor. xi.** A. Then they must forbear till  
**27.29.** God haue wrought them, vsing care-  
**Exod 20.7.** fully all other helpe appointed for  
 that purpose.

**Q.** What

**Q.** What if they finde them weake  
and teeble?

**A.** Then they may and ought to re- Mat.11.28  
ceiue, to be further strengthened. & 12.20.

**Q.** What is discipline?

**A.** That order and power which Discipline.  
God hath left to his Church to auoid Mar.18.15  
offences, and recover such as do fall. 16. &c.

**Q.** What is this power called in  
the Scripture?

**A.** It is called the keyes of the Mat.16.19  
kingdome of heauen, and the power Luk.11.52  
of binding and loosing.

**Q.** Why so?

**A.** Because the repentant are as Ioh.20.23.  
it were loosed and set into heauen by Luk.7.50.  
applying the promise of forgiuenesse Act.8.23.  
of sins, and the obstinate bound and <sup>37.</sup> 1 Cor 5.5.  
shut out.

**Q.** Is it lawfull for every man to  
preach, & to administer the Sacramēts  
and discipline, and to pray publikely?

**A.** No: it is vtterly vnlawfull for Ro.10.15.  
any man, except he be lawfully called Heb.5.4.  
therewinto. 2 Sam.6.7.  
2 Chro.26.

**Q.** May we not rest in these publike <sup>18.</sup>  
meanes?

**A.** No: for we cannot alwaies haue <sup>19.</sup>  
them,

<sup>1</sup> Sam.26.

Psal. 4.4. them, and the word of God, and our  
Act 17.11. infirmitie requireth priuate also.

Mat. 6.6.

*Reading.*

Luk. 10.26

Mat. 24.15

Reu. 1.3.

Deut. 17.

19.

2 Tim. 3.13

Dan. 9.2.

Deut. 17.

18.19.20.

Act 17.11.

*Meditation.*

Psal. 119.

1 S. 25.97.

Rom. 15.4

Q. What is the first priuate helpe?

A. Reading of good bookes, and especially the booke of God, sily cal-  
led the Bible, as if it were the onely  
booke of all bookes.

Q. What is the fruit of reading?

A. It is a means to increase know-  
ledge and conscience, and to make vs  
heare the word with more frict.

Q. What is the second priuate help?

A. Meditation, that is, an earnest  
thinking upon profitable things, as  
the words & works of God, his judg-  
ments and mercies towards others,  
but especially towards our selues.

Q. What is the fruit of meditation?

A. Not onely to keepe the minde  
free from wicked and idle thoughts,  
but also to fill it with some holy and  
profitable matter.

Q. What is the third helpe?

A. Praier, which must be daily  
offered up to God in priuate, that he  
may haue the glory of pardoning our  
daily sinnes, and of sanctifying our  
fou, labours, and rest vnto vs.

Q. What

**Q.** What is the fourth helpe?

**A.** Godly conference, instructing, rebuking, exhorting, conforting one another in wise dome and loue. *Conference.* Heb. 3. 13. & 10. 24.

**Q.** What is the fist helpe?

**A.** A carefull practise of that we know, without which we shall never truly taste the vertue of religion and power of godlinesse. *Practise.* Mal. 3. 16. Ioh. 7. 17. & 13. 10. Luk. 8. 18.

**Q.** Are the labours of our calling any hinderance of godlinesse?

**A.** No: but great helpe, if they be performed in due time, with conscience, cheeresfullnesse, and moderation, not quenching the loue and care of better things. *Ep. 6. 5 &c.* Acts 18. 3. & 20. 34.

**Q.** How shall wee attaine this moderation?

**A.** If we be truly perswaded that our happiness consisteth not in outward things, but is laid by for vs in the life to come. *Luk. 12. 15.* *Heb. 11. 13.* *14. 15. 16.* *Mat. 16. 26.*

**Q.** What helpe receiue Christians from Gouernors & Magistrates, both priuate and publike?

**A.** Very great: for by their authoritie they are bridled from sinne, and encouraged in vertue, and under them *Gouernors.* *1 Tim. 2. 2.* *Rom. 13. 3.* <sup>4.</sup> *Psal. 72. 7f.*

them they live a godly and peaceable life.

**Q.** What will the enjoying and right vse of all these meanes worke in Gods children?

**2 Cor. 6. 11**

**Ephes. 5. 8.**

**Acts 26. 18**

**Phil. 1. 6.**

**Luk. 16. 22.**

**& 23. 45.**

**Mat 22. 46**

**R. u. 20. 13**

**1 Thess. 4.**

**16. 17.**

**A.** A most happy and comfortable change from that which they were before, euuen in this life.

**Q.** What becommeth of them after this life?

**A.** The soule goeth immediatly into the paradise of God, and the body shall be raised vp at the last day, & ioined with the same in glory for ever.



## THE FOVRE PRINCIPALL points, contracted and diuided into euuen parts: every part containing ten quetions.

*Miserie.*

**Eph 2. 2. 3.**

**& 4. 17. 18.**

**Rom. 7. 24.**

**Elay 59. 2.**

**Rom. 6. 23**

**& 3. 23.**

**Q.** **W**HAT is the estate of euery naturall man?

**A.** Very miserable, and in no wise to be rested in.

**Q.** What maketh his estate so bad?

**A.** Two things : sinne, and the punishment thereof.

**Q.** What

Q. What call you sinne?

I Joh. 3. 4.

Psal. 51. 4.

Esa. 1. 16.

Dan 9. 6.

Eze. 33. 31.

Nu. 20. 19.

Esa. 64. 6.

Deut. 27.

26. & 28.

15. &c.

Luk. 16. 23

26.

Pro. 15. 9.

& 21. 27.

Esa. 1. 13. 14.

&c.

Ier 2. 19.

Mat. 9. 43.

44.

Iob 34. 18.

Reu 19. 16.

Esa. 6. 3.

I Sa. 2. 25.

I Co. 10. 22

Psal. 36. 4.

Deut. 32. 6.

Q. Is sin such a grievous thing?

A. Yea : it is the most hainous  
and loathsome thing in the world.

Q. How appeareth that?

A. Both by the punishment, and  
by the person against whom it is  
committed.

Q. Who is that?

A. Almighty God, whose holines,  
power, iustice and goodnes, is infinite  
and unspeakable.

Q. What shall a man doe in that  
wofull estate?

A. Bewaile his misery, and hasten  
to get out of it.

Q. Is he able of himselfe to do this?

A. No : and besides he hath three  
enemies, the flesh, the deuill, and the  
world,

1.

Heb. 10. 35

& 12. 29.

Luk. 1. 5. 7

Act. 2. 27. 28

16. 10. 13.

Heb. 1. 13. 14

Luk. 1. 13. 14

Eph. 6. 12.

world, that will labour to hold him  
in it.

*The second part.*

Q. Where shall a man finde helpe?

*Deligne-  
rence.*

*Acts 4.12.*

A. Only in Jesus Christ, the only  
begotten Sonne of God.

Q. What hath hee done to deliuer  
man out of miserie?

*Joh 1.14.*

*Mat 3.15.*

A. He became man, & in our na-  
ture fulfilled all righteousnesse, doing  
and suffering whatsoever belonged  
to the full satisfaction of the law, and  
justice of God.

Q. How hath he done this?

*Gal. 3.13.*

*Ro. 4.25.*

A. By bearing for vs the punish-  
ment which the Law threatned, and  
fulfilling the righteousness which the  
Law required.

Q. How did Christ beare the pu-  
nishment due to sinne by the Law?

*Mat. 2.14.*

*Luk 9.58.*

*Phl. 1.2.8.*

*Luk. 3.51.*

A. By enduring manifold miseries  
all his life time, and in the end the  
wrath of God, and the cursed death  
of the Crosse.

Q. How did he worke the righte-  
ousnesse required by the Law?

*Mat. 3.15.*

A. By being obedient to the will  
of

of God, in thought, word and deed, all <sup>1 Pet. 2.23.</sup>  
his life long. <sup>Heb 7.20.</sup>

Q. What benefit have men by Christ  
his death and sufferings?

A. Deliverance from sinne, and <sup>1 Cor. 15.</sup>  
the punishment thereof. <sup>56.57.</sup>

Q. And what by his righteousness <sup>15.</sup>  
and obedience?

A. The fauour of God, and ever <sup>Rom. 5.18.</sup>  
lasting happiness. <sup>19.</sup>

Q. How may men obtaine these <sup>Gal. 4. 4. 5.</sup>  
benefits by Christ?

A. Onely by a true faith in him. <sup>Ioh. 1.12.</sup>

Q. What is a true faith in Christ?

A. An assurance, that by his sufferings our sinnes are forgiuen: and by his righteousness, the fauour of God, & everlasting life is obtained for vs.

Q. Is it in our power to beleue?

A. No: it is the gift of God by the <sup>Rom. 1.16.</sup>  
working of the Spirit, through the <sup>17. & 10.17.</sup>  
preaching of the Gospell. <sup>Ephes. 2. 8.</sup>

<sup>Gal. 5.22.</sup>

### The third part.

Q. Shall all beleevers haue benefit  
by Christ's death?

A. All that do truly beleue shall: <sup>Godly life.</sup>  
but there is a dead faith that profi- <sup>Ioh. 3.16.</sup>  
teth <sup>Iam. 2.14.</sup>

C feth

teth nothing.

**Q.** How is the true faith perceiued?

Iam.2.18.

**A.** By the fruits thereof, and

I Joh.3.3. namely by repentance.

**Q.** Why so?

Luk.19.8.9

**A.** Because wheresoeuer Gods

Act.15.9.

Spirit worketh true faith, there hee  
worketh repentance also.

**Q.** What is repentance?

Mat.3.8.

**A.** Such a change of the heart, as

Rom.12.2.

bringeth forth a reformed life.

Ezey 11.16.

**Q.** Whence commeth this change?

Luk.7.47.

**A.** Especially from the sight and

I Joh.4.19.

feeling of Gods mercy towards vs in  
Christ.

**Q.** From what is the heart changed?

Teh.21.15.

**A.** From the loue of the world, to

Philem.v.

the loue of God: from carelesnesse, to

11.

conscience, and desire to please God.

Tit.2.12.

**Q.** What is the change called?

I Joh.2.15.

**A.** It is called in Scriptures, a

2 Cor.5.17

new creature.

**Q.** How doth it appeare?

Psal.34.14.

**A.** When in word and deed we en-

Rom.12.9. deuour to abstaine from euill, & exer-

Eph.4.25. cise our selues in that which is good.

**Q.** Is this change of heart and  
minde perfect in any?

**A.** No

A. No : we belieue not perfectly, Mat.9.2.  
and therefore we cannot loue perfect-<sup>1 Cor.13.9</sup>  
ly : but we must striue to perfection. <sup>Heb.6.1.3.</sup>  
<sup>2 Pet.3.8.</sup>

Q. How must we striue ? <sup>Phil.3.1.2.</sup>

A. By a diligent vsse of the meanes <sup>1 Pet.2.2.</sup>  
which God hath appointed for our in- <sup>1 Thess.5.</sup>  
crease in faith and repentance. <sup>19.20.</sup>

*The fourth part.*

Q. What are the publike meanes ? *Helpes to  
go dinessse.*

A. They are chiefly three , hearing <sup>Rom.13.</sup>  
the word, receiuing the Sacraments, Luk 22.19.  
and ioyning in prayer. <sup>1 Tim.2.1.</sup>

Q. What are the Sacraments ? <sup>Rom.4.11.</sup>

A. Certaine outward signes and  
seales appointed of God, to assure vs  
that Christ and all his benefits are  
giuen to vs. <sup>1 Cor.10.16</sup>

Q. How many Sacraments are there ?

A. Two : Baptisme and the Lords <sup>1 Cor.10.</sup>  
Supper.

Q. What doth Baptisme assure vs of ? <sup>2.3.4.</sup>

A. That being ingrafted into Christ, Tit.3.5.  
wee are washed from our sins by his <sup>1 Pet.3.21.</sup>  
blood, and borne anew to God.

Q. What doth the Lords Supper  
assure vs of ?

A. It doth further warrant vs, that

C 2 Christ

**1 Cor. 10.** Christ is giuen to vs to be our spirit  
**1&17. & II** tuall nourishment to everlasting life.

**25.26.** **Q.** Who maketh the right vse of  
 the Sacraments?

**Acts 20.11.** **A.** Hee that is thereby daily con-  
 firmed in faith, & newnesse of life.

**12.** **Q.** Who obtaine this benefit by  
**Rom. 2.25.** the Lords Supper?

**Acts 8. 37.** **A.** Such as come with knowledge,  
**1 Cor. 11.** faith, repentance, and loue.

**28.** **Q.** What is prayer?

**Mat. 6.9.** **A.** A craving of those things at  
 &c. Gods hands which wee want, and a  
**Luk. 17.15.** thanking him for those we haue.

**16.17** **Q.** When do men pray aright?

**Psal. 50.14.** **A.** When they pray onely to God

**Col. 3.17.** in the name of Christ: asking things  
 lawfull, to his glory, with faith, see-  
 ling and loue.

**Q.** What be the priuate meanes?

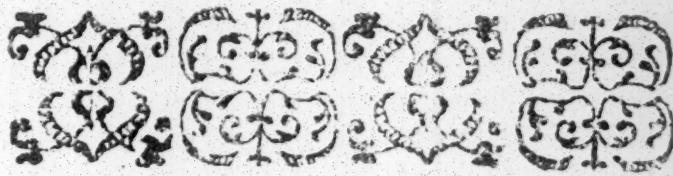
**Gen. 24.63** **A.** Reading, and prayer, alone and  
 & 18.19. with others, instructing our families,

**Dan. 9.2.** thinking vpon god matters, admo-  
 &c.

**Luk. 21.34.** nishing and comforting one another,

**Heb. 10.24.** and watching ouer our owne wayes,

**Psal. 119.9.** according to the word.



## A MORE BRIEFE

summe: wherein the former forty

Questions and Answers are  
brought to foure.

**Q.** **VV**Hat is the summe of  
the first poynt?

**A.** That every man Gen.6.5.  
by nature is a most vile & cursed crea- Psal. 51.45  
ture, an enemy to God, a bondslau to Ioh.3.6.  
sinne and Satān, and heire of eternall Rom.4.10.  
condemnation. Eph.2.1.23.

**Q.** What is the summe of the se-  
cond point?

**A.** That the onely meanes to free Acts 4.12:  
vs out of this miserable estate, and to & 26.15 18  
make vs truly happy and holy, is Je- Heb.2.14.  
sus Christ alone, and the same appre- 15.  
hended onely by faith. Ioh 1.12.

**Q.** What is the summe of the third  
point?

**A.** That whosoever doth truly be- Rom.6.2:  
lieue in Chrrist Jesus, is a new crea- & 8.1.2.  
ture, daily dying to sinne, and rising &c. & 7.4.  
againe to righteousness and holines. 2.8.3.&c.  
2 Cor.5.17  
Col.3. 1.2.

**C 3**

**Q.** What

**Q.** What is the summe of the fourth poynt?

- Pro. 29.18. *A.* That whosoeuer will continue  
Amos 8.11 a new creature, & increase in grace,  
12. must consciounably use both the pub-  
Rom. 10. like and private meanes which God  
14.15. Exod. 20.8 hath appointed for that end.  
Ex. 31.13.

  
**A FORME OF EXAMI-**  
 ning such as are to receiue the  
 Lords Supper: diuided in  
 two parts.

*The first part.*

**Q.** **VV** Herefore do you desire  
to receive the Lords  
Supper?

- 1 Cor. 11. *A.* Because it is the ordinance of  
24.25. God, appointed by him to confirme  
Rom. 4.11. my faith.

**Q.** Doe you then finde weaknesse  
of faith in your selfe?

- Mar. 9. 24. *A.* I doe indeed finde that my faith  
Luk. 17.5. is feeble and needeth strengthening.

**Q.** How perceiue you that?

- Pr. 116.10. *A.* By my coldnes in prayer, want of  
loue.

loue, zeale, repentance, & good works. Rom.10.

Q. What else?

14. & 8.16.

A. By my feare of death, desire of Luk.7.47.  
life, loue of the world, and such like. Phil.1.23.  
1 Joh.2.15.

Q. These doe plainly argue a weak-  
nesse of faith: but haue you faith at all  
or no?

A. Yea: for I am truely perswa- 2 Cor.5.1.  
ded of my owne salvation by Jesus Phil.3.20.  
Christ alone. 24.

Q. What is the ground of your Gal.2.20.  
perswasion?

A. The ground of my perswasion is the free and gracious promise of Rom.10.17  
God, reuealed in the Gospell. Eph.1.15.

Q. What is that promise?

A. That whosoever believeth in Ioh.3.16.  
the onely begotten Son of God, shall not perish, but haue everlasting life.

Q. Why doe you beleue this pro-  
mise?

A. Because God, who hath so free- 2 Cor.1.8.  
ly made it, is both able and faithfull Heb.12.19.  
to performe it. Ioh 10.29.

Q. God in his owne nature is al- 1 Cor.1.9.  
mighty and most true: but what fur-  
ther assurance haue you heereof?

A. His word is sufficient: yet ten- Heb.6.17.

during my infirmitie, he hath bound it  
With an oath, and set to his seale.

**Q.** How doth he set his seale?

**Rom. 4.11.** **A.** By the ministerie of the Sacra-  
ments, which the Apostle calleth seals  
of the righteousness of faith.

**Gal. 3.27.** **Q.** Why doth he call them so?

**A.** Because therby God doth assure  
me (& every faulfull receiver) that  
Christ is mine, with all his benefits.

**Q.** What be the benefits which the  
faulfull receive thereby?

**Rom. 8.29.** **A.** They be six; election, redemp-  
tion, iustification, sanctification, ad-  
**1 Cor. 3.3**option, and intercession.

**Q.** What is election?

**Election.** **A.** Our being chosen of God the  
**Ephes. 1.4.** Father in Jesus Christ, to life euer-  
lasting, before all eternity.

**Q.** What is redemption?

**Redemption.** **A.** Our deliverance from all our  
**Luk. 7.47.** enemies, sinne, death, and hell.

**Luk. 1.74.** **Q.** What is iustification?

**Col. 2.14.** **A.** Christ making sinners accep-  
**Iustification.** ted and perfectly righteous in Gods  
**Phil. 3.9.** sight, by his owne righteousness im-  
**2 Cor. 5.21**puted and given unto them.

**Q.** What is sanctification?

**A.** Our

A Our holines, begun in this life, <sup>Sanctifica-</sup>  
and to be perfited in the life to come. <sup>tion.</sup>

Q. What be the parts of sanctifica- <sup>Apoc.20.6</sup>  
tion? <sup>Luk.1.75.</sup>

A. Two: whereof the first is, the <sup>Mortifica-</sup>  
Spirit killing of sinne in vs, and the <sup>tion.</sup>  
other, his enabling of vs to walke in <sup>Purification.</sup>  
newnesse of life. <sup>Rom.6.11.</sup>

Q. What is adoption?

A. It is the Fathers making sin- <sup>Adoption.</sup>  
uers, sonnes and heires of his king- <sup>Ioh.1.12.</sup>  
dome in Christ. <sup>Rom.8.17.</sup>

Q. What is intercession?

A. The vertue and efficacie of <sup>Ioh.3.1.</sup>  
Christs death and obedience, present- <sup>Intercession.</sup>  
ing himselfe to God for vs. <sup>Heb 2.17.</sup>  
<sup>& 4.14.</sup>

Q. Why doth the Apostle say, that  
Christ is made vnto vs, of God, wise- <sup>Wisdom.</sup>  
dom?

A. Because as his righteousnesse, <sup>Rom.5.</sup>  
so his wisdome is imputed and giuen <sup>I Cor.1.30</sup>  
to vs that belieue in him. <sup>31.</sup>

Q. Why doth he set redemption in <sup>I Cor.6.7.</sup>  
the last place?

A. Because we are not fully freed <sup>Luk.21.28.</sup>  
from all misery, till after death. <sup>Rom.8.23.</sup>

Q. And are you sure to be confir-  
med in all these, by the vse of this Sa-  
crament?

32      *A forme of examining.*  
crament?

Mat. 28.20.  
Acts 8. 39.  
Ro. 10. 13.

A. Yea verily: for God will not  
faile to blesse his owne ordinance, to  
euery one that vseth it aright.

Q. Who are they?

Mat.5.23.  
44 45.  
Acis 8. 37.  
Ro.14.23.

A. Only such as haue knowledge  
of Religion, faith in Christ, repen-  
tance for their sins, with loue to God  
and all men, euен their enemies.

Q. Haue you all these?

1 Cor.13.7  
Heb.11.6.

A. Yea, I thanke my God, in some  
competent measure: though my wants  
be many and great.

*Another familiar forme.*

Q. Let me heare the summe of your  
faith?

Faith, or  
summe of the  
Gospel.

A. I beleue in God the Father, &c.  
Q. How many things doth this anci-  
ent and Apostolike beleefe teach you?

A. It teacheth me what to beleue;  
first concerning God, and secondly  
concerning the Church of God.

Q. What beleue you concerning  
God?

Mt 28.19.  
1 Joh 5.7.

A. That there is one God, and  
three persons, the Father, the Son,  
and the holy Ghost.

Q. What

**Q.** What beleue you concerning  
the Father?

**A.** That he made me in the begin<sup>n</sup> Gen. 1.26.  
ning in his owne image, & will guide Psal.73.24.  
me for ever to his owne glory.

**Q.** What else?

**A.** That he hath chosen me before Ephes.1.3.  
all beginnings, in Jesus Christ to be 4.5.  
his child: and therefore I am bold to  
call him Father.

**Q.** What beleue you concerning  
Jesus Christ?

**A.** That he is my gracious Lord: Joh. 20.18.  
because by his death I am freed from Rom.14.9.  
death and sin, and by his obedience 1 Cor.6.20  
haue righteousnesse and life.

**Q.** What else?

**A.** That he maketh most effectuall Rom 8. 34.  
intercession for me in heauen, whence Phil. 3. 20.  
<sup>2.</sup> hee shall come in due time, to deliuer Heb 9.28.  
me from all misery.

**Q.** What beleue you concerning Ephes.2.8.  
the holy Ghost? 1 Cor. 3.6.

**A.** That hee being the power of & 12.4.  
God, ioyneth me to God, and maketh Luk.11.20.  
me (and all Gods elect) partakers of Mat.12.28.  
the mercy of the Father, and of the Eph.2.18.  
merit of the Sonne. 1 Cor. 2.12  
Gal.5.5.

**Q.** What

*Q.* What else?

1 Cor. 12.4

Gal. 5.22.

23. that maketh all god meanes profitablie unto me.

*Q.* What beleue you concerning the Church?

Gen. 43.16

Ro. 11.14.

A. That there is, & hath been from the beginning a number, whom the Father hath chosen, and the Sonne redeemed, and whom the holy Ghost doth sanctifie, and gloriifie for ever.

*Q.* What else?

1 Joh. 1.7.

Acts 24.15.

2 Cor. 5.1.

Col. 3.4.

A. That I being one of the number, enjoy the forgiuenesse of my sins in this life; and that in the end of the world my body shall rise, and be ioyned to my soule, in eternaall happiness.

Law of God.

*Q.* Seeing the rule of loue is the Law of God, contained in the tenn commandements, rehearse the words.

A. I am the Lord thy God, &c.

*Q.* What doe these ten commandements teach vs in generall?

Deut 6.5.

Mat. 22.37.

Mar. 12.30

A. To loue the Lord our God with all our hearts, and with all our sorles, and with all our might, and our neighbours as our selues.

*Q.* How

**Q.** How many of them concerne  
the worship and seruice of God?

**A.** The fourre first: wherein I am Mat. 4.10.  
charged to yeld unto God alone, the Ioh. 4.23.  
true and spirituall worship which he  
hath prescribed in his word.

**Q.** What bee the cheefe branches  
of Gods true worship?

**A.** They are chiefly sixe, that is,  
knowledge, faith, loue, feare, thank-  
fulness, and prayer.

**Q.** How must you loue God?

**A.** Unfainedly with all my heart, Mar. 12.30.  
soule, thought, and strength.

**Q.** How may this loue appeare?

**A.** If I cleave unto him with my Deut. 6.12.  
heart, worship him with my body, ho- Iosu. 22.  
nour him with my tongue and life, Esa. 58.13.  
and carefully keep his Sabbathes. Act. 22. <sup>1 Cor. 6.10</sup>

**Q.** What is the summe of the other  
six commandements?

**A.** That whatsoeuer I would that Math. 7.12.  
men should do unto me, euен so I do Iam 2.8.  
unto them, and that I loue my neigh-  
bour as my selfe.

**Q.** How may this loue appeare?

**A.** If I reuerence and respect euery Rom. 5.  
man according to his calling, yeres,  
gifts,

gifts, and coniunction with my selfe.

**Q.** How else?

Rom.6.7.

8.9.10.

**A.** If I do tender his life and eue-  
ry thing that is deare vnto him : that  
I do not willingly so much as let my  
thoughts wander to his hurt.

**Q.** Whence come the graces of know-  
lege, faith, repentance, and loue?

1 Joh. 1.7.

Jam. 1.17.

**A.** From God my heauenly Fa-  
ther, the constant Author and foun-  
taine of all god things.

**Q.** Doth he giue them to all men?

Vers. 5.9.

**A.** No : but to them that aske in  
faith, he giueth liberally, and vppbrat-  
eth them not.

**Q.** Haue you any sound patterne of  
holy prayer?

Gen. 24.12.

& 32.9.&c.

**A.** There bee many in the Scrip-  
tures : but none comparable to the  
Lords prayer, for a perfect patterne  
and full direction to pray by.

**Q.** Rehearse it.

**A.** Our Father which art in hea-  
uen, hallowed bee thy name. Thy  
kingdome come. Thy will be done in  
earth, as it is in heauen, &c.

**Q.** Neede you vse no other forme  
but this?

**A.** Yes:

A. Yes: but I must haue an eye to this: and may fruitfully shut vp my particular prayers in this.

Q. Why so?

A. Because it containeth whatsoeuer concerneth the glory of God, god of his Church, comfort of my body, and salvation of my soule.

Ioh. 12. 28.  
Eph. 6. 18.  
1 Tim 4. 4.  
Luk. 18. 13.  
& 23. 42.

Q. Are the Creede and Commandements to be vsed as prayers?

A. No: But in praying, we are to craue strength to beleue that which is contained in the Creed: and to pra-  
tize that which is contained in the Commandements.

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A N O T H E R F A M I L I A R  
manner of instruction, the most  
plaine and easie of all the rest, which

Parents and Masters may with  
great fruit propound to  
their familie, especially before  
the Communion.

Q. Rehearse the Commandements.

A. I Am the Lord thy God, which Law shew-  
I haue brought thee out of the land <sup>ing man's</sup>  
of

miserie, and  
the rule of  
his life.

of Egypt out of the house of bondage  
1 Thou shalt haue none other  
gods but me.

2 Thou shalt not make to thy selfe  
any grauen image, nor the likenes of  
any thing, that is in heauen aboue, or  
in the earth beneath, or in the water  
vnder the earth: Thou shalt not bow  
downe to them nor worship them: for  
I the Lord thy God am a iealous  
God, and visit the sins of the fathers  
vpon the childe[n], vnto the third and  
fourth generation of them that hate  
me: and shew mercy vnto thousands  
in them that loue mee and keepe my  
Commandements.

3 Thou shalt not take the name of  
the Lord thy God in vaine. For the  
Lord will not hold him guiltlesse, that  
taketh his name in vaine.

4 Remember that thou keepe holy  
the Sabbath day. Six daies shalt thou  
labour, and doe all that thou hast to  
doe: but the seventh day is the Sab-  
both of the Lord thy God: in it thou  
shalt do no manner of worke, thou &  
thy son, & thy daughter, thy man-serv-  
ant, and thy maid-servant, thy cat-  
tell,

tell, & the stranger that is within thy gates. For in sixe daies the Lord made heauen & earth, the sea, and all that in them is, & rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the seventh day and hallowed it.

5 Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy daves may bee long in the land, which the Lord thy God giueth thee.

6 Thou shalt do no murther.

7 Thou shalt not cōmit adultery.

8 Thou shalt not steale.

9 Thou shalt not beare false witness against thy neighbour.

10 Thou shalt not couet thy neighbours house, thou shalt not couet thy neighbours wife, nor his seruant, nor his maide, nor his ore, nor his asse, nor any thing that is his.

Q. Can you keepe all these commandements?

A. No: I breake them daily, in <sup>Sinne.</sup>  
thought, word, and deed. <sup>Iam.3.2.</sup>

Q. How so?

A. Because the law of God is spiritual, and I am carnall, sold under sinne. <sup>Rom.7.14.</sup>

D

Q. What

**Q.** What doe they deserue that keepe not the law of God?

*Deut. 27.* A. The curse of God, with all the miseries of this life, and the punishment of hell fire euer after.

*26.* **Q.** By what meanes, or by whom may wee hope to haue deliueraunce from this curse?

*The remedy.* **A.** Onely by Jesus Christ, the eternall Sonne of God.

*Act. 4.11.* **Q.** Shall all men haue deliueraunce by him?

*Gal. 2.20.* **A.** No: but onely such as beleue in him.

*Faith.* **Q.** What is it to beleue in Christ?

**A.** To be truly perswaded in heart that by him our sinnes are forgiuen, and we made the children of God.

**Q.** Rehearse the summe of your beleete.

*Summe of  
Faith.* **A.** I beleue in God the Father almighty, &c.

**Q.** How doe men come by faith?

*Help.* **A.** By the working of y holy Ghost through the preaching of the word.

*Gal. 5.22.* **Q.** How are they confirmed and strengthened in faith?

*Rom. 10.* **A.** By the same word, and also by the

*17.*

*Act. 20.32.*

the Sacraments.

Q. How many Sacraments be there?

A. Two: Baptisme and the Lords Sacraments.  
Supper.

Q. What doth Baptisme teach and assure vs of?

A. That our sins are forgiven, and 1 Pet. 3. 21.  
washed away by the sufferings and A&t. 22. 16.  
bloodshed of Jesus Christ: euen as y  
body is washed and cleansed by water.

Q. What doth the Lords Supper  
teach and assure vs of?

A. That by the same Jesus Christ, Joh. 6. 54.  
our soules are nourished to eternall  
life: euen as the body is fed by bread  
and wine, to a temporall life.

Q. What means must we vse besides? *Prayer.*

A. One speciall meanes that we 1 Thess. 5.  
are daily to vse, is faithfull and hear-  
ty prayer to God in the name of Je-  
sus Christ. 17.

Q. Rehearse the prayer that Jesus  
Christ hath taught vs.

A. Our Father which art in hea-  
uen, &c.

Q. How many petitions be there  
in this prayer?

A. Six. The three first whereof

concerne the glory of God.

**Q.** What do the three last concerne?

**A.** The necessities of our owne soules and bodies.

**Q.** Why do we pray first that God may be glorified?

Ioh. 12. 27.

**A.** To teach vs that we are to pre-

28. Rom. 9. 3.

fer the glory of God, before our owne god.

*Certaine Rules for the direction  
of a Christian life.*

Watchfulnes

Prou. 4. 23.

Mal. 2. 16.

Luk. 12. 35

& 22. 34.

Releeming  
the time.

Ephes. 5. 16.

Col. 4. 5.

1 Cor. 7. 29

1 Pet. 4. 23.

Psal. 90. 12.

Lie downe  
and rise  
with God.

Ps. 3. 5. & 4.

8. & 37. 5.

Prou. 3. 6.

1 Cor. 10.

31.

**K**epe a most narrow watch ouer thine owne heart, words, and deedes continually, not giuing any liberty to wandring thoughts & lusts.

2 We wise and carefull to redeme the time which hath bæne wickedly, idly, or unprofitably spent: bestowing no more time in worldly matters then mynst needes.

3 At night lie downe in peace, ha-  
ving blessed God for his benefits, and  
reconciled thy selfe to him for the sins  
of the day past. In the morning let  
him haue the first place in thy heart,  
committing thy selfe & all thy wayes  
to his gracious gouernment, & con-  
secre-

secrating them wholly to his glory.

4 Go to no place, frequent no company, undertake no busines, study or trauell whatsoeuer, without hearty prayer to God, in the name of Jesus Christ, for the obtaining of his holy Spirit and mercifull protection.

5 In like manner forget not to perform this holy duty, when thou receiuest any mercy from God : whether it be food, apparell, recreation, or any other thing, tending to the health of thy body, or comfort of thy soule: neither be so bold as to deale with any of the creatures of God, till thou hast praied & praised the Creator thereof.

6 As praier must go before, and accompany all the blessings of God, so it must follow the fruition of them. And therefore, herein let every Christian set before him the example of Christ & his Apostles, who after they had received their bodily & spirituall food, & enjoyed the company one of another, gaue thanks to God the father.

7 And though praier bee a spirituall thing, & consisteth chiefly in the attention and earnestnes of the minde :

*Let prayer  
goe before all  
busynesse.  
Col.3.17.  
Gen.24.12.  
Neh.2.4.*

*Let prayer  
be ioyned  
with all  
blessings.  
1 Tim.4.  
4.5.  
Mat.14.19.*

*Let prayer  
follow the  
fruition of  
all Gods be-  
nefites.  
Mat.26.30.*

*In praying  
use the  
tongue and  
joyce.*

Psal. 16. 9  
& 30. 12.  
& 3. 4.

*Set aside  
some time  
for godly  
exercises.*

Gen 24. 6;  
Dan 6. 10.  
Act. 10. 9.

*Things to  
be thought  
upon.*

Ier. 12. 1, 2,

Psal. 107.

43.  
Abac. 3. 1.  
Mat. 2. 3. 1.  
&c.

*The worke  
of our re-  
demption  
a speciall  
worke.*

1 Cor. 2. 6,  
7, 8, 9.  
1 Pet. 1. 12.  
1 Joh. 3. 1.  
John 3. 10.

yet for the better quickning of the heart and affections, let the tongue and voice be vsed as oft as conueniently thou mayest, lest dulnesse and coldnes crepe vpon thee.

8 If your calling and estate will possibly beare it, let some time of the day be set apart for privat praier, meditation, & reading of the Scripture, or some other choice booke, that may best further you in the knowledge and practise of true godlinesse.

9 Bend your minde to thinke often earnestly vpon the workes of God: as his creating, and governing the world, prospering or punishing the wicked, blessing or correcting his chil- dren in this life: with the eternall torment appointed for the one, and the unspeakable glory laid vp for the other.

10 But aboue all the workes of God, thinke vpon the glorious and gracious worke of thy redemption by Jesus Christ: a mystery that the holy Angels doe admire, and desire to prie into: herein behold the sweet harmo- ny and happy coniunction of the infinite

uite mercy & iustice of God meeting together: and take comfort and delight herein, with thanksgiving.

11 Marke the life and behauour of the wicked, to auoide their steps: and of the godly, to prouoke thy selfe to a holy emulation of the like course: marke also their death with like diligence, & thinke seriously vpon thine owne death, how thou must shortly lie downe in the dust, and part with whatsoeuer delight thou doest haue enjoy: that this may breed in thee a contempt of the world, and a longing after the life to come.

12 Obserue daily how sinne dieth and is weakened in thee: and be carefull to shun one sinne, as well as another: and lose not thy first loue (as the most part do:) & delight in the word and worship of God, & in the fellowship of his Saints: but mourne and strive against thy sinnes, renew thy couenant with God for that end.

13 When you be in company, haue a care to receive and do good, and not hurt, either by your spach or silence, countenance or example: and auoid,

*The liues &  
deaths of  
others, but  
especially of  
thy selfe,  
must bee  
thought  
vpon.*

Heb. 12. 1,  
2.

Iob 21. 23.  
24, 25. &  
17 13, 14.

Heb. 12. 14

1 Thes. 5.

22, 23.

Reuel. 2. 4.

*Our couenant  
made with  
God must be  
renewed.*

Ps. 16. 8.

& 16. 3.

Neh. 9. 28.

Ps. 119. 106

*In company  
beware of  
breaking the  
third and  
ninth com-  
mandments.*

Ephe. 4.29.  
& 5.4.

Deut.28.

Mat.7.12.

*Mens wal-  
king in their  
particular  
callings, the  
touch-stone  
of religion.*

Tit.2.10.

1 Pet.3.4.

1 Tim.2.10

Mat.23.25.

26.27.28.

Jerem. 7.9.

10.11.

Ephes.5.25.

& 6.5.6.7.8

9.

*Take heed  
of perfor-  
ming holy  
duties for  
fishin sake.*

Heb.3.12.

2 Tim.3.5.

Heb.4.2.

as rocks, swearing, and backbiting, &  
y like common sins against the third  
& ninth Commandements. Let not

58. God, or any word or worke of his be  
mentioned but with feare, or any  
man named, but with loue and due  
regard of that royll law, Whatsoe-  
uer ye wold, &c.

14 Among all other things séeke  
to approue thy selfe to God, his chil-  
dren, and thine owne conscience, tou-  
ching thy charge & behaviour in that  
particular place and calling wherein  
God hath set thee, and towards those  
persons with whom God hath ioyned  
thee: as, if thou be a seruant, in obey-  
ing thy Master, seruing him with  
feare and singlenesse of heart: if a ma-  
ster, in guiding thy family according  
to the word: if a husband, in louing  
thy wife without bitternes: if a wife,  
in reverencing thy husband.

15 Finally, because the corrupt  
nature of man is so prone to prophan-  
nesse and hypocrisie, that when men  
are once come so farre as to vse the  
outward exercises of religion (with-  
out marking in what manner, with  
what

what feeling, fruit and profit to their soules they vse the same) they please themselves : take heede of this deceit of Satan, and keepe thy soule with all diligence, that these duties bee not made matters of course and custome, without care and conscience to grow better thereby.



THE FORMER RVLES  
expressed in meeter by a god-  
ly Minister.

## A

A Cquaint thy selfe, most narrowly  
Thy minde and heart and life to watch,  
Lest idle thoughts and noisome dreames  
Doc wicked lusts and dealings hatch.

*Prov. 4.23.  
Luke 21.34.  
Ios 7.21.  
Gen. 39.7.*

## B

Be wise and carefull to redeeme  
Thy precious time, to holy deeds ;  
Let not these earthly matters base  
Contume more houres then they must needs.

*Ephes. 5.16.  
Psal. 90.12.  
Mat 6.33.  
Luk. 10.41'42*

## C

Call to thy minde when night is come,  
Thy sins that day, to craue release :  
Thinke on Gods fauours, him to praise,  
That so thou maist lie downe in peace.

*Psal. 55.17.  
Dan 6.10.  
Psal. 66.6. & 4.  
Ruth. 3.13.*

## D

Doth Morne approach and sleep depart ?  
First lift thy minde to God on hie ;

*Gen. 28.16.17.  
18 19.20.*

Com-

Psal. 90. 14.  
15, 16, 17.  
& 27. 8.

Gen. 24. 12.  
& 32. 32  
2 Sam. 17. 37.  
Neh. 1. 10.  
& 2. 4.

1 Tim. 2. 4.  
2 Sam. 9. 9.  
Mat. 14. 19.  
Mat. 6. 31.

Deut. 8. 10.  
& 32. 15.  
Psal. 68. 19.  
Mat. 26. 30.

Job. 4. 24.  
Exod. 14. 15.  
2 Sam. 1. 15.  
Psal. 5. 2. 3.  
& 16. 9.  
& 30. 12.

Psf. 119. 164.  
Gen. 24. 63.  
Psal. 55. 17.  
Dan. 6. 10

Prov. 16. 4.  
Mat. 10. 9,  
30.  
Job. 9. 22.  
Eccles. 9. 2.  
Mat. 25. 32.  
Psf. 1. 6, 7.  
Esa. 53. 3, 7,  
3. 4. &c  
Rom. 17. 8.

Commit thy selfe and wayest to him,  
And vow to serue him faithfully.

## E

Enter vpon no kinde of worke,  
But craue Gods spirit thee to direct :  
Go to no place, nor company,  
But pray, from ill Lord me protect.

## F

Forget not, when thou meanst to vs  
Gods creatures or his mercies sweet,  
For soules delight, or bodies health,  
To craue his leave and blessing meete.

## G

Give vrsto God due thanks and praise,  
When comfortable vs thou hast  
Of any of his blessings good ;  
Or else he counts them spent in waste.

## H

Hold this for sure, that in true prayer  
The hearts desire is chiefeſt thing,  
Yet voice will helpe the ſame to warme,  
And banish dullneſſe and wandring.

## I

( If poſſiblē thou canſt it finde )  
Set out ſome time of euery day  
To rauie, to pray, and read good bookeſ,  
That grace and conſcience increase may.

## K

Keep heart and minde much bent to thinke,  
How God hath made and ruleth all ;  
How he deales with good and bad,  
How differ in the end they ſhall.

## L

Like belt to ponder Christ his works,  
How he thee ſaved from ſinne and shame :

And

And made thee heire of Paradise :  
Delight therein, and praise his name.

## M

Marke wwell the liues of good and bad :  
Consider eke the ends of both ,  
To moue thee for to imitate  
The vertuous man , and sinners loath .

## N

Nurture thy soule with thoughts of death ,  
That needs thou must from hence remoue ,  
(Leauing thy wealth and dearest things )  
To fix thy minde on heauen aboue .

## O

Obserue how thy corruption dies ,  
Let not thy dearest sinne deceiue thee :  
Why shouldest thou count that sweet or good ,  
Which may of glory quite bereave thee ?

## P

Practise Gods worship with delight ;  
Joy in the godlies companie :  
With God thy couenant oft renew :  
Mourne for thy sinne , and it defie .

## Q

Quench not thine owne or others spirit ,  
By idle or vnsauory speach ;  
Let thy behauour euery vvhene  
All good , no ill to others teach .

## R

Rehearse no name , no vvorke , nor vword  
Of God vwithout high reuerence :  
Speake of no man but louingly ,  
Although it be in thy defence .

## S

Seeke to approue thy selfe to God ,  
Thy conscience , and Gods children deare ,

<sup>1</sup> Cor. 2. 2.  
Gal. 6. 14.  
Phil. 3 8 &c.  
P/ 37. 37, 38.  
Mat. 25. 46.  
Heb. 13. 7.  
Luk. 16. 22. 23

Iam. 5. 10, 11.  
P/ 39. 4, 5, 5. 3  
Heb. 9. 27.  
Ecc. 2. 18, 19.

Luk. 12. 20.  
31. &c.  
Gal. 6. 14, 15.  
2 Cor. 4. 16.  
Ephes. 4. 21.  
Job 20. 12, 13.

Mat 5. 29, 30.  
Gen 31. 34.  
Man 16. 26.  
Deut. 28. 47.  
Psal. 119. 63.  
Psal. 39. 1.  
Zach. 12. 10.

1 Ties. 5. 19.  
Eph. 4. 29, 30.  
Ezech. 13. 21.  
Mat 5. 16.  
Tit. 2. 3.  
Exod. 20. 7.  
Deut. 28. 58.

Exod. 20. 16.  
Psal. 153.

Acts 24. 16.  
<sup>1</sup> Thess. 4. 14.

By

*2 Thess. 3.6.* By dealing in thy calling, and  
*Ephes. 5.12.* With such to whom thou art most neare.  
*25 Cor. 6.1. 5.9.*

*Exodus 20.7.* Take heed lest Satans craft (by meanes  
*Ephes. 6.12.* Of natures bent t' hypocrie  
*Rev. 27.9.* And to prophaneenesse) make thee vse  
*Rev. 3. 35.16.* Religious duties formally.

## V

*Mat. 25.8 &c.* Use not the same for fashions sake,  
*6.5.6.* Or for thy credit, but with care  
*Act. 15.29.* Thy God to please, that in the end  
*Act. 19.28. 9.* Both soule and bodie well may fare.

W. L.

## Graces before meat.

**M**ost gracious God & louing Father, we humbly beseech thee to forgiue vs all our sinnes. We present with vs, and blesse vs, and all thy good creatures prouided for vs. Giue vs grace to receiuie them thankfully as from thy hand, and to vse them soberly as in thy sight, to thy glory and our owne comfort, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blesse good Lord, thy holy Church, our gracious King, his royall Familie, and Realme, and send vs eternall life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Another.

**H**eauenly Father, we humbly beseech thee to pardon all our sinnes whereby we haue made our selues vnworthy of the least

feast of thy mercies. Let not thy good creatures prouided for vs be an occasion of dishonouring thee, disordering our selues, or offending our brethren: but so sanctifie them to vs, and vs to a wise and sober vse of the, that we may thereby be made more fit to doe thee seruice, procure the good of our brethren, & follow the duties of our callings, to thy glory & our owne saluation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blesse good Lord, &c.

Another.

Mercifull Father, we humbly beseech thee to forgiue vs our sinnes. Touchsafe good Lord, so to blesse our meeting, meates and drynkes, that therby our health may be continued, brotherly loue increased, and we made euery way more able and willing to walke before thee in duties of Christianitie and our callings, to thy glory, our owne saluation, and the good of others, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Another.

Lord, wee beseech thee to pardon our sinnes, and sanctifie the soule whiche thou hast prouided for vs. Grant that ha-  
ving so many pledges of thy loue, wee may blesse thee in our hearts, and in all our beha-  
uour, to thy glory, and our owne saluation,  
through Jesus Christ our onely Mediator,  
and Advocate.

## Graces after meat.

**W**E humbly thanke thee, O Lord heauenly father, for refreshing our fraile bodies with thy good creatures, beseeching thee likewise to feede our soules with thy lively word, that we may gloriſe thee both with our soules, and with our bodies, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lord blesse thy Church, &c.

## Another.

**H**ONOUR and praise bee vnto thee, O Lord heauenly Father, for all thy mercies bestowed vpon vs, and for the foode we haue now received of thy wuntifull hand. Make vs thankefull for it, and giue a blessing to it: that thereby our health, and strength may bee continued for the better performing all holy dutieſ of Christianitie, and our ſeverall callings, to thy glory, and our comfort, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Another.

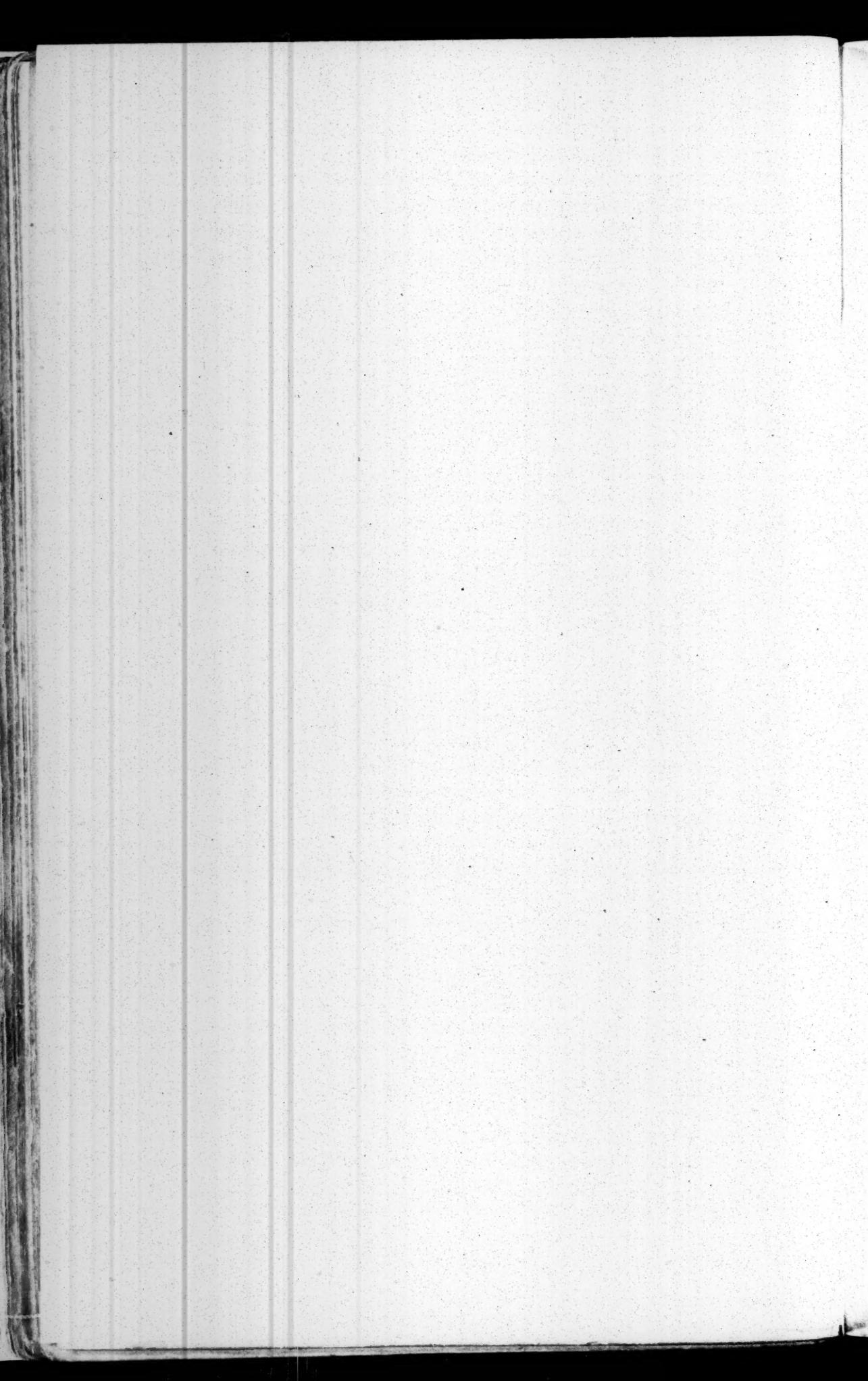
**B**LESSED be thy name most gracious God, and louing Father, for feeding vs now and at all times. Wee beseech thee to pardon and passe by all our ſinnes, and infirmities, whereby heretofore or at this time we haue offended thy Maieſtie: and grant that we may hereafter keepe, and more carefully watch ouer our hearts and wayes, to thy glory, and our comfort, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Another.

## Another.

Blessed Lord, we beseech thee to make  
vs truly thankfull to thy Maiestie for  
all good things, and for thy loue, the foun-  
taine thereof, and for Jesus Christ, the  
foundation of thy loue, and for all other  
fruits and tokens of thy fauour, and for the  
fode we haue now received: which we pray  
thee so to blesse vnto vs, that we may be the  
fitter to doe thee seruice, through Jesus  
Christ our Lord. Amen.

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